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THE IMMEDIATE FUTURE OF JANIS

THE PROBLEM

1. To make recommendations concerning future JANIS studies in view of pending virtual completion of those ^{presently anticipated} required for operations in the Pacific.

FACTS BEARING ON THE PROBLEM

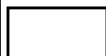
2. According to Basic Directive for the Joint Intelligence Study Publishing Board (J.I.C. 76/16/D, 24 Aug. 1944): "The J.I.S.P.B. is hereby reestablished by the Joint Intelligence Committee as a subordinate agency under the general direction of the Joint Topographical Subcommittee." The Joint Topographical Subcommittee was established by J.I.C. directive (J.I.C. 76/7, 29 April 1944) to assist the J.I.C. in topographical matters, furnish guidance as to realistic priorities for production of such studies, provide topographical and other static intelligence studies requested by the J.I.C. and other agencies of the Joint Chiefs of Staff and provide operating direction to the J.I.S.P.B.

3. Some 20 JANIS studies have been produced by J.I.S.P.B. as well as other reports (Enclosure "B").

4. With publication of JANIS 74, Manchuria in December 1945 and completion of research by contributors on 1 October 1945, the studies now requested by the J.W.P.C. will be completed except for minor additions and revisions.

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DISCUSSION

6. See Enclosure "A".

CONCLUSION

7. In view of the pending cessation of requirements for JANIS ^{presently anticipated} for ~~military~~ operational needs, J.I.S.P.B. should be authorized to prepare studies for other high level uses.

RECOMMENDATION

8. It is recommended that the Joint Topographical Subcommittee, in consultation with the Joint War Plans Committee and the Joint Staff Planners, the Joint Civil Affairs Committee, and the Joint Post War Plans Committee, be authorized to provide a new priority list and initiate a new series of JANIS studies with the concurrence of the Joint Strategic Survey Committee.